

Marshall Mo.

Oct. 5 1920.

Mr. S. Hall Young
New York City.

Dear Mr. Young

I am writing
you in regard
to requirements of
the Home Board
of Missions for
work under that
body.

I am an ordained
minister of the Pres-
byterian Church U.S.A.
Am a graduate of
Missouri Valley
College. Am preach-
ing full time. Hold
a Life Teachers' Cer-

tificate issued by the
State Dept. of Education
of Mo.

Mrs. Baker and I
have both had some
teaching experience.
She and I are both
interested in Alaska
and would appreciate any informa-
tion in regard to
church work there.

Besides Mrs. Baker
I have two children
- a boy of eighteen
who is a sophomore
in college, and a
little girl eight

years old. -

I am forty five
years old and
my wife forty
three.

We can furnish
recommendations.
If you think with
the foregoing in-
formation we would
stand a chance for
a field in Alaska
please write me at
once.

Very sincerely yours

A. S. J. Baker

305 College St

Marshall, Mo.

June 23, 1920.

Rev. J. H. Barton, D.D.,
1210 Idaho Street,
Boise, Idaho.

My dear Dr. Barton:-

I wrote you the other day concerning
Rev. R. S. Nickerson with a view to his taking up work
in Alaska. Now I would be greatly obliged to you if
you would also tell us about the Rev. C. H. Bierkemper.
Mr. Bierkemper is quite well known to us here having
been a missionary under the Board among the Indians in
Arizona for a number of years. He gave up the work there
and has since been settled in Idaho. We are solicitous
that you should tell us frankly and fully about him per-
sonally and about his work in Idaho so that we may be the
better guided in deciding whether or not to ask him to go
to Alaska.

And with kindest regards, I am,

Cordially yours,

JD/l.

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SYNODICAL SUPERINTENDENT
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July 1, 1920.

Rev. John Dixon, D. D.,
156 Fifth Ave, N.Y.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

Your letter of June 23rd reletive
to Mr Bierkempe is at hand.

In reply I will say that Mr Bierkemper is in
Coeur d'Alene Presbytery which is connected with the
Synod of Washington. He has never been in the Synod
of Idaho. I have recently written for information
concerning him with a view to locating him in this
Synod if the way be clear, but have not yet received
a reply. I know nothing about either him personally
or his work.

Am sorry I cannot give you more information.

Yours sincerely,

J. H. Barton

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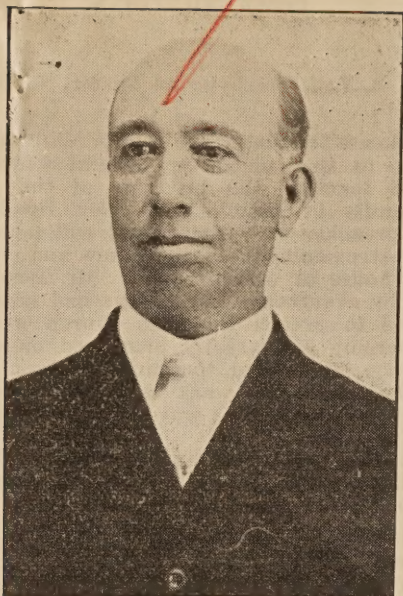
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156 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK

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work?
 WHITEROCK AT CORDOVA ALASKA IS IT TOO LATE FOR THE INDIAN WORK

CHAS H BIERKEMPER

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Preparation —Wilmington College, National Normal University & Ohio, Wesleyan University; Theology & Law, Uni. of Chattanooga.

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Experience— School-teacher three years; Minister since August 28, 1897, and have served churches in Ohio, West Virginia, Illinois and Michigan.

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LECTURES

WHERE OUR BIBLE CAME FROM
SUNDAY IS THE SABBATH
HEBREW MIGRATION
TEEN-AGE THE AGE OF DECISION
THE PSYCHOLOGY OF YOUTH
SOLUTION OF THE "BOY PROBLEM."

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POPULAR ADDRESSES

OPPORTUNITY	A PUBLIC BENAFCTOR
OPEN DOORS	KNOTTY KNOTS
PERSUASION	HOW PLANTS GROW
FAITH OF THE FARMER	SUCCESS

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EXPOSITORY ADDRESSES

ON THE ACTS	ROMANS
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COMMENDATIONS

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Harry B. Vail, Presbyterian Pastor, South Salem, O.

This certifies that while Rev. J. W. Bond was pastor in this place for several years, we shared together the interests of the whole community in church work. Mr. Bond is a good preacher and pastor, and while here he was instrumental in having a new and commodious house of worship built. Mr. Bond was liked by everybody, and always had large audiences to preach to. The church grew in membership and greatly prospered under his ministry. Mrs. Bond, too, must be given credit for the successful work that was done, for her kind and judicious ways helped much.

J. H. Free, Jeff Mossbarger, Godfrey Brust, Building Committee & Trustees, South Salem, O.

This is to certify that Rev. J. W. Bond was our pastor for three years, and was well liked by our people and the whole community. The church prospered during his pastorate, and the membership was increased 100 per cent. During his pastorate we built a new cement block church. Rev. Bond is very strong socially and an excellent mixer with the young people. He impresses the people as a well educated man and is a good preacher. Mrs. Bond was esteemed by the whole community as a Christian lady. She was a good worker with the young people.

S. J. Parrett, Elder, South Salem, O.

While Mr. J. W. Bond was pastor in our town, I deemed him the best Church financier we have ever had, and an excellent preacher and neighbor.

T. F. Lambert, Sect., W. R. G. Hall, Treas., L. E. Moore, J. E. Flaherty, W. R. Arnett, Eber Hoey, Trustees, Wallace, W. Va.

We, the officials of the Church, do heartily commend the Rev. J. W. Bond, who has been our pastor. As a pastor, we think him equal to the task in any respect. As a mixer he is to be commended, and he has the good will of all the members and friends of the Church. He is a wise counsellor, a very strong and forceful preacher, and seeks to make the Church work a pleasure instead of a burden, and to make harmony where there is discord. We gladly commend him and his good wife to the confidence and love of any field where they may be called to labor.

E. L. Prentice, Pastor, Congregational Church, Central Lake, Mich.

This is to certify that I am acquainted with

the Rev. J. W. Bond, and that he is one of the most congenial and whole souled men it has ever been my lot to know in the ministry. Rev. Bond is a scholarly man, a good preacher and fine pastor; an indefatigable worker among the young folks. I can heartily commend him to any Church that is in need of a good progressive minister.

Nathaniel Crow, Pastor, First M. E. Church, Centralia, Ill.

To Whom it May Concern:—I am well acquainted with the Rev. J. W. Bond and have been associated with him in the gospel ministry, and find him to be a strong preacher capable of filling the best pulpits, a hard student, a fine mixer, especially among the young, a good pastor, and one who can draw the men and boys, and always has large audiences, I can gladly commend him to any Church that wants an up-to-date pastor.

Milton H. H. Lee, Pastor, Christian Church, Ronceverte, W. Va.

I am glad to be able to recommend Rev. J. W. Bond as one of the most congenial men I have ever met in the ministry. He is a good pastor, a fine preacher and an excellent mixer and while associated with him as a minister of our city, learned to love him very much for his congenial and Christian character. A Church that wants a man who will bring things to pass will be fortunate to get him.

Rev. Alfred Ray Atwood, Supt, Educational Missionary Dept., Sabbath School Work, Presbyterian Church, Lansing, Mich.

Dear Mr. Bond: Under separate cover I am sending you some books that will help you in the excellent work you are doing in connection with the Sabbath School. Both yourself and your efforts have been a source of inspiration to me personally and also to the work of this office.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Higbee, Marquette, Mich: Rev. Mr. Bond was "in the flood." Not the one in which Noah was the hero, but its recent duplicate of Ohio. Several feet of water stood for several days in his house and ruined his books, etc. The books you have will fill his need and be much appreciated by him. Mr. Bond is an exceptionally deserving man. He is not only a good preacher and parish worker, but an excellent business man. You both will meet him at some future time and come to highly esteem him as I have. His wife, too, is an excellent help-mate and young people's worker.

Dear Dr. Benn, Supt., Synodical Home Missions, East Lansing, Mich.; you will hear soon

from Rev. Bond. He is an Al pastor and preacher. His business ability is excellent. You will greatly enjoy meeting him. He is doing a grand constructive work at Pickford and Stirlingville.

The Presbyterian Church was filled to its capacity Sunday evening, the occasion was a patriotic service and the unveiling of the tablet on which was enrolled the names of the members and adherents of the Church who had joined the colors.....The scene was an impressive one and was made more so as Pastor Bond spoke feelingly and uttered inspiring words of the boys of the Church who had offered their services and their lives if need be for their country. The sermon was one of the best ever heard from the Presbyterian pulpit.....The Church is to be congratulated on securing as its pastor such an able man as Rev. Bond whose inspirations has affected the workings of the Church and whose power for good is so far reaching in the community.—St. Ignace Enterprise.

More than two hundred people assembled in the Church last Monday to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Bond, who are to live among us. The Church was prettily decorated with potted plants. The program began with "America" sung by the entire crowd. Rev. Prentice gave the welcome greeting, Misses Walker and Dillingham rendered solos, and Mrs. Sanford gave two comedy sketches. D. H. Stebbins made a short talk followed by the address of the evening by Attorney T. D. Meggison. He spoke of the way in which Mr. Bond has made himself popular with the business men, the social circles and the men of the streets, showing how much he is accomplishing for good by his influence over all with whom he comes in contact. He said he was glad that Central Lane could appreciate the great heart and the great mind of this man. In closing, Mr. Meggison presented, in behalf of the Church, a beautiful library table to Mr. and Mrs. Bond, as an outward symbol of the inward regard and esteem which is felt for them by their friends.—The Torch.

Although Rev. Bond has been here only four weeks, his true Christian example and strong personality has won him friends on all sides. Mr. Bond preaches the plain Gospel of Jesus Christ. He is a man who will prove, we believe, just the one the local Church needs at this time to successfully meet the conditions. He has a special gift of winning the admiration and confidence of the young people, and his interest in civic affairs, moral and social, is very pronounced and firm, and he will be a valuable addition to our community.—Pickford Clarion.

JUL 12 1920

JAMES W. BOND
PASTOR
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINCHESTER, OHIO

July 9, 1920.

Dr. Young
Secretary, Home Mission Board,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I hereby make application for a pastorate in Alaska, to go at any convenient time with the Board, if I am selected.

I am 32, wife, girl of 15 and myself in family, all in perfect health (can stand medical test), all work in the church, strong point is with the youth, and not lazy. Have spent most of my ministry on fields that received Mission money. Like such fields better than pastorate in well worked fields. Have been planning to go further west to the more neglected and harder fields in the U.S.; but if I could get work in Alaska, I would be delighted to go and give the next ten years there.

Fairbanks appeals to me; but Cordova would be next choice.

I inclose my folder that was printed two years ago from a cut made of a picture of myself taken at the time, so you can see what I look like. The folder tells something about what some people think of my work elsewhere. While I am aware such does not mean so much, yet it is one way of finding out what a fellow has done.

As references, I give the following:

note to these men 7/14/20 { Rev. B.B. Cartwright, Clerk, Portsmouth Presbytery, Portsmouth, Ohio.

" Frank W. Stephens, pastor, Rockford, "

Prof. M.D. Shumaker, Elder, Winchester, "

Walter E. Roberts, Elder, Local Evangelist, Farmer, Seaman, " R.F.D. No. 1.

These are some of the representative members I have on my present field who are cultured and competent to judge of the worth of a preacher's work; so by these you can get a fair estimate of me here.

I have received 49 into the churches on this field since Dec. 22, 1918. Received 20 two weeks ago, two more one week ago, and so far this week I have 5 more for next Sabbath.

Respectfully,

J. W. Bond.

July 14, 1920.

Rev. J. W. Bond,

Winchester, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bond:-

Your letter of July the ninth is received. I desire at this time simply to acknowledge its receipt and to say that we are glad to hear from you. You give us several references and we will write regarding you.

The people of Cordova have extended what is practically a call, as we understand it, to one of our other missionaries in Alaska and should he accept Cordova would be provided for. Another minister is practically assigned to Fairbanks. There are two or three other places in Alaska, but if you should not care to consider any of them, kindly let me know. In the meantime, I will write to some of the references you have given to us.

Trusting that both you and we may be guided in the matter, I am, with best wishes,

Cordially yours,

JD/I.

July 14, 1920.

Rev. Frank W. Stephens,
Rockford, Ohio.

My dear Brother:-

The Rev. J. W. Bond of Winchester, Ohio, has applied to the Board of Home Missions to be sent to Alaska. The Board recently made an appeal in the religious newspapers. He gives us permission to refer to you. Will you kindly give us frankly, and if you desire it confidentially, your judgment about Mr. Bond and his wife. When a minister goes into such a far-away place as Alaska he should be an all-round man, thoroughly virile, tactful, not easily discouraged, and thoroughly spiritual.

Thanking you in advance for any information which you can give us, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

JD/I.

(Stamped same me)

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JD/I.

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Clark of Portsmouth Presbytery,
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JD/I.

JUL 21 1920

BLISS BACHELOR CARTWRIGHT
MINISTER

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PORTSMOUTH, OHIO

July 19 1920.

Bliss
Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
New York.

Dear Bro. Dixon:-

In answer to your letter relative to The
Rev. J. W. Bond of Winchester, O.

I have known Mr. Bond less than two years. He united with our Presbytery one year ago last January. His parish is composed of two churches, one in a nice little country village and the other a few miles out in the country. The congregations are composed of good country people. As far as I have knowledge the only unpleasant feature would be the short drive into the country over rather a rough road. I have known for some time that Mr. Bond was looking for a new field. This would bring me to the conclusion that he was easily discouraged.

I do not know any thing about him before coming here. He may have served Home Mission fields and prefers that to the old established church. I have never heard him deliver a sermon and have not associated with him only at the meetings of Presbytery. He is rather slow in speech and action. I fear he would not adjust himself readily to new conditions.

Mr. Bond is an excellent christian gentleman and I feel capable of doing a good work in the Lord's vineyard but I could not say the place.

Yours very respectfully,

Not very favorable
B. B. Cartwright.

Written Confidentially

JUL 28 1920

COIT-ALBER CHAUTAUQUA

INTER-STATE CIRCUIT

CREW NO. 5

SUPT. M. D. SHUMAKER, WINCHESTER, OHIO

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Junior Leader, RUTH E. STEWART, Ohio Wesleyan University
Crew Foreman, W. R. HEMMERLY, Denison University
Electrician, GRAYUM BING, Rio Grande College
Athletic Director, HOLLIS EWING, Rio Grande College

SEASON OF 1920

TOWNS

Lisbon, Ohio	June 26-30
North Baltimore, Ohio	July 3-7
St. Paris, Ohio	July 10-14
Piketon, Ohio	July 17-21
Middlebourne, W. Va.	July 24-28
Ashville, Ohio	July 31-Aug. 4
Peebles, Ohio	August 8-12
Lapel, Ind.	August 14-18
Ashley, Ohio	August 21-25
	Aug. 28-Sept. 2

Piketon, O., July 21, 1920,

Mr. John Dixon,
New York, N.Y.

My dear sir;

Yours of recent date

concerning Rev. J. B. Bond, has been forwarded
me a frank statement Ohio,

Rev. Bond, in my estimation, possesses
the quality that is needed in the work
in Alaska. His jovial disposition wins to
him many friends. He is conscientious in
his work, and thoroughly spiritual.

Mrs. Bond is a great worker in the church,
and all its auxiliary departments, and
it would be of great help to Rev. Bond in his
work in Alaska,

Very truly yours
M. D. Shumaker,

JUL 26 1920

First Presbyterian Church

FRANK W. STEPHENS, L.L.B., MINISTER

9 July 23/20

Dr. Dixon:-

I find your letter of inquiring
of 14th in reference to Rev. J. W. Bond
of Winchester upon my arrival home
from Cincinnati.

Mr. Bond is a good fellow. And I
believe a sincere Christian. Large in
stature. Rather talkative.

Perhaps he would do a good work up
in Alaska. I can not answer you
more definitely because I do not know.

We were friendly while I was in
Portsmouth Parsonage but I know
very little about his work. I am not
sure that I have ever met his wife.
Would not know her to see her. Sorry
Dr. Dixon, that I cannot do better.

Fraternally

Frank W. Stephens

Rockford, Ohio.

Aug.24, 1920.

Rev. James W. Bond,
First Presbyterian Church,
Winchester, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Bond;

I am asked by our Secretaries to write you concerning the Indian mission at Hydaburg, southeastern Alaska.

In your application for work in Alaska, written July 9th, you chose Fairbanks or Cordova in the Presbytery of Yukon. Men have been selected for both of these points and there is nothing now except this interesting and important native church of Hydaburg in the Presbytery of Alaska.

I do not know whether you would consider any native field but am writing at a venture. The salary in the Presbytery of Alaska is \$3000.00 and a manse, with expenses of minister and family to the field. At Hydaburg there is a gasoline launch for the use of the pastor. Rev. John L. Howe, who has been one of our most successful missionaries, built a beautiful manse two years ago, and under his inspiration the Hydas have erected, without expense to our Board, what is said to be the best built church in Alaska. The natives sawed the lumber and did all the work themselves, making it a memorial church.

The Hydas are the most stalwart and best looking native tribe in Alaska, and are well along in Christian civilization. They are all English speaking and there is a fine public school there.

The natives have a co-operative salmon cannery, store, saw mill, etc.

Hydaburg is somewhat isolated-i.e. not on the regular steamboat line, but there are steamboats which come there in the summer and mail, with other commodities, is supplied, during the winter, from Ketchikan, some 60 miles away, by gasoline boats.

Game, including deer, grouse, geese, ducks, etc., with all kinds of fresh water and salt water fish and sea beach food, are very abundant in that region. Fine garden vegetables can be raised and berries of many kinds are plentiful. The salary of \$1600.00 and manse in southeastern Alaska will go further than the \$2000.00 given in the Yukon Presbytery, for living is so much cheaper.

I started the mission among the Hydas in 1880. The center was for many years at Howcan, 15 miles from Hydaburg. Now all of the Hydas on the western side of the Prince of Wales center at Hydaburg

It is accessible at all times of the year as the temperature never reaches zero at that point and there are rains right in the middle of winter. The climate is mild but damp and I found it most healthful.

Please let us know at once whether you will consider this point, and ask me any further questions that may occur to you. We wish to obtain a missionary for this important point as soon as possible.

Most cordially yours,

JAMES W. BOND
PASTOR
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WINCHESTER, OHIO

August 30, 1920.

Mr. S. Hall Young,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Young,

Your letter of the 24, concerning the Hydaburg church in Alaska came a few weeks too late for me to consider it; for just the second day before it came, I wrote a letter to the Officials of our church in Cavalier, N.Dak. accepting their call to me to that church and have sent part of my goods and library. I am sorry indeed that I did not get the word soon enough to have found *myself* free to accept it. My work has been mostly on Home Mission difficult fields, so I would have been willing to go to the Hydaburg and give 10 or more yrs. of my life in that country. It is not the salary so much I am after, only a living competence; for I did not enter the ministry for the salary, but for the good of the Kingdom.

My word is out and some of my effects on the way to N.Dak., so I do not know any way other than to go to N.Dak. for the present, and probably in the future Providence may open the way for me to go to that needy and difficult field of Alaska.

I waited for sometime expecting to hear from the Home Mission Board, so decided nothing was open and accepted the N.Dak. field. I shall go there about Sept. 15.

My prayers shall be for the field in Alaska.

Very fraternally,

J. W. Bond.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PORTLAND, OREGON

AUG 31 1921

August 26 1921

Rev. John A Marquis, D.D
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,

Dear Dr. Marquis:

Some time ago you wrote me in regard to a young physician to send to Point Barrow Alaska. In reply I sent the name of Dr. Fleck who as it happened had just accepted an appointment elsewhere. I wonder if that position has yet been filled. I have just received a letter from a friend, Dr. Theodore Berthold who for the past year has been government physician with the Alaska Engineering Commission. He is now on his way to the States. He is a student volunteer and has written me asking me to communicate with the Foreign Board concerning openings. Knowing how much he enjoyed his work in Alaska it occurred to me that he might be considered for the Point Barrow field in case that has not been settled.

Dr. Berthold is twentyeight years old, a son of a German minister in a church near Portland. I became acquainted with him during his medical college days at Northwestern in Chicago. He is married, and has a baby less than a year old. I believe he has some more intern work to do, for which he is now returning to this country. He also has a debt incurred in getting his schooling. These elements all enter into the situation. But if you care to consider his name you may communicate thru me and I shall see that he gets word as soon as he reaches this country.

I hope that you are all well, Mrs. Bowman joins me in most cordial greetings to all the family. We are away up in the mountains on our vacation, which explains the poor condition of this Coronaized letter!

Cordially,

H. L. Bowman

September 2, 1921.

Rev. H. L. Bowman, D. D.,
First Presbyterian Church,
Portland, Oregon.

My dear Mr. Bowman:

I am glad to have your letter about Dr. Berthold. We have transferred Dr. Greist from Cape Prince of Wales to Point Barrow because we could not get anybody else to go to the latter place. This leaves Cape Prince of Wales without a missionary at all. It is too late now to send any one there this year. In addition to this, our Superintendent of Alaska work is insisting that we ought to reopen the station at St. Lawrence Island, which was closed some years ago when the missionary and his wife were drowned. If Dr. Berthold would go to Cape Prince of Wales next summer he will have a needy field there among the Eskimos. He ought to understand two things, however.

The first is the Board equipment. There is a good church and a fair house for the missionary, but no hospital. Cape Prince of Wales is just below the Arctic Circle and the climate is very severe and communication infrequent, although more frequent than from Point Barrow. It is 175 miles north of Nome. The missionary is thrown absolutely on his own resources as he is so far away that help from the United States can get to him practically only once a year.

The second is, the climate is perhaps the hardest in the world so far as cold and wind are concerned. There are no prevalent diseases there, but hardships of the Arctic weather are present always. I would not for the world have a missionary go there under any misstatement as to hardships involved. Please say to Dr. Berthold that it is the hardest, but also the neediest mission field in the world. Another thing to be kept in mind is the fact that people are not numerous there. The struggle for existence is so severe in the Arctic Basin that human beings cannot congregate into centres as they do lower down. The village of Cape Prince of Wales has now, I presume, from 200 to 300 people. Scattered around them at distances of 20 to 100 miles are other settlements of Eskimos. An enterprising missionary can perform a very valuable service to these primitive people by taking trips to the outlying villages.

In order to give Dr. Berthold and yourself an idea of what has to be faced I am sending you Dr. Greist's reports of some of his difficulties and successes during the last year at Cape Prince of Wales. These are the only copies we have, so will you please see that they are returned to us after he has read them? Dr. Greist has done a really remarkable work up there the last year and it was with great regret we removed him and sent him to Point Barrow. The erection of a hospital at Point Barrow during the past year made it necessary to have a physician there. Some day possibly we can have a small one at Cape Prince of Wales, but not soon.

Mrs. Marquis has been rather under the weather the last eight months, but is regaining her strength slowly, but we think surely. She had a very severe attack of pneumonia a little more than a year ago, which depleted her strength, and it has taken her along time to get on her feet. Sarah has been in Europe all summer and returns tonight to New York. John and Elisabeth have grown up considerably since you last saw them. John is now a six-footer and will enter his last year at Exeter Academy in a couple of weeks. Elisabeth also goes to boarding school this Fall.

I am delighted that you had a fine time up in the mountains. Remember us all very kindly to Mrs. Bowman and accept our best wishes for yourself and the great opportunity you have in the northwest.

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES

SEP 14 1920

First Presbyterian Church

Thomas James Buckton, Minister

Stephen, Minn.

Sept 11/20.

Board of Home Missions.

Dear Dr Marquis:

I saw in the Continent today that you wanted ordained men for Alaska. I do wish you would give me the chance of going I've always wanted to work up there near the sea. Im writing this in haste before you get swamped with enquiries O send me up there ----- Im just two years out of the seminary (McCormick) 32 years old, married & one child, have been here since graduating, ask Dr Hibbard at Crookston about me or Dr McClure at the seminary .I felt a strange thrill when I read the Continent and a feeling that God will see me yet in Alaska. ----- My how I could work at Cordova if I had the chance, I do hope Ill not be disappointed.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas J. Buckton.

SEP 15 1920

First Presbyterian Church

Thomas James Buckton, Minister

Stephen, Minn.

Sept 12/20.

Board of Home Missions.

Dear Secretary:

You no doubt got my letter of yesterday asking that you send me to Alaska. I wrote and left out some things which I must add in this letter. I forgot to tell you that I have rugged health and youthful energy, and I have Ford automobile which I suppose I would have to dispose of should I go north? My wife and I can both stand the cold. My church work here has been succesful, we've always raised our New Era Benevolence (ion budget and Nine young people came forward recently at my invitat- after an evangelistic appeal. Give me a chance in Alaska to live and give for Jesus sake. If there is any chance, and this is the reason for this second letter, please telegraph acceptance because a larger church is about to extend a call.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas James Buckton.

SEP 15 1920

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Rev. John A. Marquis, D. D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.
My dear Doctor:--

I am writing this letter at the request of Rev. Thomas J. Buckton of Stephens, Minnesota. I understand that he has made application for the Wrangell field in Alaska. I have never heard him preach. I only know this - that he has made a good record in the Stephens field since he accepted the leadership in that parish.

I should feel that he is worth looking over at least. I would not be able to pass judgment on his fitness for Wrangell, until I knew something more about the demands that would be made on his leadership in such a parish. Give his claim consideration - it will be worth while.

H/H

Sincerely yours,

W. R. Harshaw

Albert Lee

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New York, N. Y.

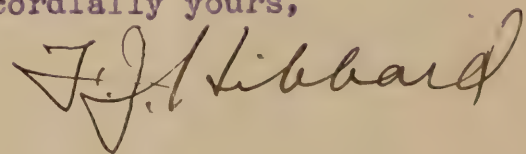
Dear Dr. Marquis:-

I have just learned that you have called for four men for posts in Alaska.

I take great pleasure in calling to your attention Rev. Thomas J. Buckton, of Stephen Minn. We will be very sorry to lose Mr. Buckton if he should be fortunate enough to be selected for ~~the~~ one of the places, but it would be selfish for us to hinder him.

Mr. Buckton is a hard worker and of good ability. He is a graduate of McCormack Seminary, and has been Pastor at Stephen for three years or ever since he left the Seminary. I beleive Mr. Buckton is applying for the post at Wrangel, and I shall be very gratified to hear of his being appointed.

Most cordially yours,



September 18, 1920.

Rev. James G. H. McClure, D.D., L.L.D.,
MacCormick Seminary,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. MacCormick:-

Rev. Thomas J. Buckton of Stephen, Minneapolis, has referred me to you. We are considering him for a native field in Southeastern Alaska.

Will you kindly write me, giving me your estimate of the young man and of his fitness for such a work?

Cordially yours,

AH

September 18, 1920.

Rev. W. R. Harshaw, D.D.,
838-9 Plymouth Bldg.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dr. Harshaw:-

Your letter to Dr. Marquis concerning Rev. Thomas J. Buckton has been referred to me for answer as I am carrying on the correspondence about applications for the Alaska Mission fields.

I am writing to Mr. Buckton concerning the field at Wrangell. However, there are two possibilities who have the precedence of Mr. Buckton. The appeal for men was sent to the Herald & Presbyter and to the Continent. The Herald & Presbyter published the call promptly while the Continent held it for nearly two months before printing it. It will account for some applications being so much later than others.

I am interested in Mr. Buckton and am willing to consider him in case we do not fill the vacancies by those with whom we are already in correspondence.

Very cordially yours,

AH

September 18, 1920.

Rev. Thos. J. Buckton,
Stephen, Minneapolis.

My dear Mr. Buckton:-

Your letter of September 11th has been referred to me for answer as I have charge of the correspondence with applicants for Alaskan fields. You know perhaps that I went to Alaska in 1878 and have been connected with the work there almost ever since.

The Continent held up the appeal we sent to it for nearly two months before printing it while the Herald & Presbyterian printed it at once the latter part of June. This accounts for the fact that quite a number of applicants for positions there got in their letters before yours arrived. We have filled the two vacancies at Cordova and Fairbanks and I am in correspondence with two or three men whom we are considering for Wrangell and Hydaburg.

Of course, it is not certain that these men will decide to go or that we will decide to send them. I shall gladly keep your letter on file and in the meantime correspond with those to whom you have referred us concerning your work.

Wrangell is the old mother mission of Alaska where I built and organized the first Presbyterian Church of the territory in 1879. It is to me a very interesting and attractive field and I spent ten of the happiest years of my life there. The people have made very great progress, of course, since 1878 and are now nearly all members of the church and the younger generation speaks, reads and writes English and live like white people. There are two organizations at Wrangell meeting in the same church at different hours.

The First Presbyterian Church is comprised of natives and the second of whites.

If you wish further correspondence concerning this field, I shall keep your letter on file and write you as soon as we hear from the other men.

Praying that God may guide you to the field of greatest usefulness.

I am,

Very cordially yours.

AH

Since writing have heard
adversely about the other applicants
S. H. G.

September 18, 1920.

Rev. Frederick Jay Hibbard, D.D.,
Crookston, Minneapolis.

Dear Dr. Hibbard:-

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Will you kindly write me, giving me your estimate of the young man and of his fitness for such a work?

Cordially yours,

AH

McCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PRESIDENTS HOUSE

2348 NORTH HALSTED STREET

CHICAGO

September 24, 1920.

The Rev. Dr. S. Hall Young,
Home Board,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Dr. Young:

The Rev. Thomas J. Buckton, Stephen, Minnesota,
is an admirable man in every respect--bright, energetic, con-
secrated, untiring. My judgment is that he is fitted for
any field to which you may assign him in Alaska.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

James G. K. M. Thure

J. HALL YOUNG
Special Representative

Rev. Thomas J. Buckton,

September 30, 1920.

Stephen, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buckton:

I have had as yet no reply to my letter of September 18th, in which I spoke to you about the mission at Wrangell, in southeastern Alaska. I am now writing to you, suggesting for your consideration another field in southeastern Alaska -- the field at Hydaburg. There is a man with whom we corresponded before your letter was received, who is looking towards Wrangell.

Hydaburg is in many respects our most promising native field. It is a purely native work -- only a few whites living at Hydaburg.

Work among these Hydas was begun by me in 1880. The old mission was at Howkan, fifteen miles distant from Hydaburg. The postoffice was called Jackson, after Dr. Sheldon Jackson. There Rev. J. L. Gould did a very successful work for many years, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. J. R. McFarland, "the mother of Presbyterian missions in Alaska", went after living in Wrangell and Sitka and had a girls' training school.

Of late years, the Hydas have almost abandoned Howkan and other Hyda towns on the southwestern shore of Prince of Wales Island, and have congregated at Hydaburg, where they have a co-operative salmon cannery, sawmill, store, etc.

The Hydas are the best looking, most intelligent, and most forward in civilization of any of the natives of Alaska. They were the leaders of the Thlingets and other natives in the art of canoe making, house building, totem pole carving, silver and gold work, etc. Their acceptance of Christianity was

hearty and instant. They have learned to talk English, and all of this generation are English-speaking, and can also read and write the English language.

Their enterprising character is shown by this remarkable record. Three years ago, Rev. J. L. Howe, who was our missionary at Hydaburg and who was himself an architect, carpenter and cabinet-maker, spoke to the young men at Hydaburg on the subject of building a new church. The Hydas had been in the habit of erecting elaborately carved totem poles as memorials to their dead ancestors. Mr. Howe suggested that instead of such a memorial, they should build a memorial church, each family selecting some part of that church, such as a window, stairway or cupola, etc., and thus erect a church as a memorial of their dead that would endure, and that would accomplish some good.

The Hydas took up with the idea instantly, and they have built the finest church perhaps in all Alaska, asking nothing from our Board of Church Erection or the whites. The only money I had to raise for them was some \$400. for hardware, cement, etc., which they could not procure themselves.

They did the work under Mr. Howe's direction, sawed the lumber in their own sawmill, burned the lime for plaster, and have made a wonderful success of the building. It is the only church in Alaska, except that at Metlakahtla, which the natives have built themselves.

There is a good Government school at Hydaburg, with two or three teachers.

Rev. J. L. Howe was compelled to give up his work at Hydaburg last spring on account of a severe attack of bronchitis. He has been sent to a sanitarium in Colorado, and will not be able to return to his work in Alaska.

Hydaburg has a still milder climate than Wrangell, and perhaps a still wetter one. The rainfall in all that archipelago is very great, and yet

I and my fellow-missionaries found it a most comfortable and healthful climate. Hydaburg has almost the identical climate of Glasgow, Scotland. They have never recorded a temperature as low as zero at that point. It is liable to rain right in the middle of winter.

There are abundance of deer in all of those islands besides bears, geese, ducks, grouse and other game. There is great fishing at all seasons of the year. In the summer, salmon, trout, and grayling come up the stream and in the salt water, halibut, codfish, herring, mackerel, sea bass, flounders, etc., etc., are found. The abundance of sea beach food, such as clams, crabs, mussels, cockles, etc., makes it impossible for a person to die of starvation in that region. The woods are full of blueberries, salmon berries, wild currants, gooseberries, etc. All of the natives have their own gardens and raise good potatoes, turnips, cabbage, cauliflower, radishes, etc.

Hydaburg is out of the regular run of passenger steamboats. However, in the spring, there is a number of vessels that go to the copper mines and canneries in the vicinity. There is, I think, semi-monthly mail throughout the year, coming in the winter by gasoline launch and going from Ketchikan, which is some 40 or 50 miles distant.

The missionary going to Hydaburg would have to be in the fullest sense the spiritual leader of his people. They are still children in knowledge and in faith, and need careful leadership. I understand that since Mr. Howe left the Salvation Army natives have stirred up and somewhat distracted matters at Howkan. We have had a lady nurse to do community work there under the pay of the Woman's Board. Then we have a native evangelist, Haldane, who holds services every Saturday.

Rev. T. J. Buckton - 4 - 9/30/20.

Patience, perseverance, devotion, adaptability, resourcefulness -- and above all, fervent piety -- are necessary in the missionary who goes to Hydaburg. Personally, I consider my man fortunate who has the privilege of living in that country, and ministering to those people.

Mr. Howe built a fine manse at Hydaburg, and it is at least partially furnished. The salary is as at Wrangell -- \$1600. with manse, and the expenses of the missionary and his family to the field, with necessary allowance for gasoline, etc., to run the little launch belonging to the mission.

If you should go to Hydaburg, your nearest neighbors would be Rev. Eugene Bromley at Klawock 60 miles north of Hydaburg; Rev. Fred Falconer and Edward Marden, 50 miles east.

Our General Missionary, Rev. James H. Condit, D. D., who has his residence at Juneau, will give you the present state of affairs at Hydaburg, if it is decided to send you to that point.

Will you please fill out the enclosed blank, if you desire to apply for Hydaburg, and give us further particulars about yourself and family.

There is one thing that I must speak about -- the missionaries in the Presbytery of Alaska have adopted the rule that the minister should not use tobacco, as they have entirely put down the use of the weed in many of our missions.

While I am not committing the Board to your appointment, I wish to say that we are favorably impressed with your letters, and with those from whom we have heard concerning you.

Please let me hear from you soon and fully concerning this important matter.

Very cordially yours,

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
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Special Representative.

September 30, 1920.

Rev. James B. Lyle, D. D.,

Albert Lea, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Lyle:

Rev. Thomas J. Buckton of Stephen, Minnesota, has applied to me as a missionary to one of our native Alaska missions.

You are acquainted with just the kind of man we would need for such a work. Dr. Marquis has requested me to write to you, asking you to give us, confidentially and frankly, your impression of the fitness of Mr. Buckton for such work.

I am enclosing a stamped envelope and will appreciate your reply.

Very cordially yours,

J. Hall Young

GG OCT 8 - 1920

My dear Dr. Hall:

Brother Buckton is unknown to me. I presume the Rev. R. L. Barackman, D. D. of Thief River Falls, Minn. would be able to give you the desired information.

Sincerely James B. Lyle

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reply.

Very cordially yours,

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October 25, 1920.

Rev. T. J. Buckton,
Stephen, Minn.

Dear Mr. Buckton:-

Yours of October 22nd is just at hand and I hasten to reply . My delayed letter to you was sent on a few days ago, and I am exceedingly sorry that the unfortunate delay of my letter may have caused us to lose one whom we think is just the man for either Wrangell or Hydabury. I did not intend to discourage you in regard to getting a field in Alaska.

If you are irretrevably committed to Pine City, I have nothing to say except to renew my appology for the delay of the letter. We have at present nobody in view for either Wrangell or Hydabury. I think you could have your choice of these two places if you are free to go. Can you not find a substitute to send to Pine City and renew your application for Wrangell or Hydabury?

At all events, I hope we will continue to keep in touch with you and keep you as a prospect for the future.

Very cordially yours,

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S. J. Hall

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APPLICATION FOR WORK ON A HOME MISSION FIELD

If you want to work in a Home Mission field, please fill out this blank and send it to E. Fred Eastman, Educational Director, Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

DATE: *Nov 1st 1920*
 NAME: *Thomas James Buckton* AGE: *32*
 PRESENT ADDRESS: *Pine City Minnesota.*
 COLLEGE: *Toronto Bible College*
 YEAR OF GRADUATION FROM COLLEGE: *1913*
 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY: *McCormick*
 YEAR OF GRADUATION FROM SEMINARY: *1918*
 MEMBER OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U. S. A.): *yes*

If not, what denomination:

EXPERIENCE IN PREACHING OR IN OTHER RELIGIOUS WORK:

*With a large institutional church in England
 for four years all kinds of activities.*

ARE YOU A CANDIDATE FOR A SEVEN YEAR PERIOD OF SERVICE UNDER THE BOARD: *Yes*

OR FOR A SHORTER PERIOD:

REFERENCES:	ADDRESSES OF REFERENCES:
<i>Dr G. K. McClure</i>	<i>McCormick Seminary Chicago</i>
<i>Dr F. J. Hibbard</i>	<i>Brookston</i>
<i>Dr W. Harshaw</i>	<i>Plymouth Bld Minneapolis Minn</i>

INDICATE BY A CROSS (X) PLACED BEFORE THE WORD YOUR PREFERENCE OF WORK:

<input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant, industrial and city	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian	<i>Alaska</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Country Church	<input type="checkbox"/> Lumber Camp	
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INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE OF STATES:

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REMARKS:

Charles C. Buckton, Pine City.
Minn

Nov 1. 1920.

The Board of Home Missions
Special representative.

Dear Dr Young:-

Your offer of the field of Hydelburg came late, in fact I was in the midst of moving our effects to Pine City, then for four days we travelled across this great Minnesota in our Ford Car.

Your offer coming just after my call to Pine City had been ratified & accepted opens up the question again as to whether or no I must break faith with these people here in the interests of a more prospective field.

In the matter of decisions I have learnt that once the decision is made never to go back on it but to strengthen it with the greatest initiative possible.

Having prayed earnestly to our Father to lead me in the choice of a new field, I delayed acceptance of any field until I had heard from you, then your letter came telling me the field was manned, accepting this as God's guidance I accepted the call to Pine City.

Now your offer comes to unsettle me again & circumstances are in favor of my staying here for the winter it would be more convenient for me to go later on account of wife & baby.

Yours truly in His service

Thomas J. Buckton.

P.S. In case of further developments I shall telegraph.

OCT 28 1920

Placerville, Calif.,

Oct. 23rd 1920.

Rev. John A. Marquis, D.D.,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis:-

For some time I have been on the point of writing to you in regard to the Cordova, Alaska field. Had it not been that I had been on my present field so short a time, I would have written you regarding it last spring when I saw in the Continent a call for a man for that field. I supposed that some one had been secured, but later in the summer I saw it again mentioned in connection with some other fields. I have not been able to get the matter off of my mind.

If you have not as yet secured anyone for that field I would like to receive the fullest information you can furnish me regarding the Cordova field, and I promise you I will give the matter the most careful and prayerful attention. In such case, I will gladly furnish you references who can testify regarding my work, ability as a preacher, ability to mix with men etc..

Thanking you for an early answer, I am

Sincerely Yours,

J. E. Burkhardt

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November 1, 1920.

Rev. J. E. Burckhart,
Placerville,
California.

My dear Mr. Burckhart:

Your letter to Dr. Marquis of October 23rd has been referred to me for answer.

The field at Cordova has been filled, a Mr. Nickerson from California announcing his intention to sail for that point.

Fairbanks has also been manned, Mr. Shearer, from Missouri, having already started for that field.

We have, however, in south-eastern Alaska two important fields for which we are seeking the right men, Let me briefly describe them. First, Wrangell, in the Presbytery of Alaska. This is an old mission church, the first Protestant church organized and erected in Alaska. I built the church, which is still standing, in 1879, when Alaska had only natives in it, and when there was no dream of the mineral and other wealth that has since developed.

This Mission has had many ups and downs since that time, but has always been an important Mission. At present there are two organizations meeting in the same building, the First Presbyterian Church, which is the native church, and the Second Presbyterian Church, which is the white church. The minutes will show you the number of members in each.

Wrangell is a steady old town. At one time it had a mining boom, which built the town up rapidly, but that boom collapsed and left many vacant houses. However, Wrangell has a good deal of business, and that business is a steady one. First, mining - there are gold mines up the Stickeen river in British Columbia, the Cassiar mining region. Wrangell is the supply point for that region, and there are other gold and copper mines in the vicinity. Second, it has the largest lumber mill in that territory, doing a great business, particularly in the manufacture of boxes and wood for aeroplanes. It has the prospect of the erection, in the near future, of a large wood pulp mill for the manufacture of paper. Third, it is an important centre for the fishing business. Three or four large salmon canneries are in its vicinity, and there has recently been erected there a cannery for crabs, shrimps, clams, etc. Other fish, such as herring, cod fish, halibut, sharks, etc., are put up in the vicinity. There will always be business in Wrangell for a considerable number of whites and of natives.

The white church, through small,^{is a} vigorous one, and there are some very good people in Wrangell, and also good schools and many people to be looked after. The prospects of Wrangell are very good for a steady, though limited, business, and a steady, though small, population.

The native church was divided some time ago on account of an Episcopalian minister, Rev. Mr. Corser, who was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and on being deposed by the Presbytery was taken up by the Episcopal Bishop and ordained as an Episcopal minister, to the division of the church. However, the Presbyterian Church has much the larger number of natives. For nearly a year now that church has been vacant,

Mr. Clark, the last Pastor, having removed from Wrangell on account of the illness of his family. Mrs. Pilley Paul Tamaree, who was my Interpreter forty years ago, holds regular meetings and is receiving some salary from our Board.

The climate of Wrangell is like all of south-eastern Alaska, damp but mild. The cold experienced in over ten years' residence there was only four degrees below zero. The dampness, however, of that coast does not seem to penetrate or chill as that of the Atlantic coast. It is very much like the Californian climate, only, of course, much colder. It gave me the first health I ever enjoyed, and made a strong man of me. I roughed it in the extreme, travelling in that archipelago, thousands of miles in a canoe, as I was founding Missions and superintending much of the work.

The salary paid to our missionaries in south-eastern Alaska is \$1,600 and a manse. The manse at Wrangell will be at least partially furnished. A new manse is to be built there, and the minister will have to superintend its erection. \$1,600 in the Presbytery of Alaska would go further than \$2,000 paid in the Presbytery of Yukon, where living is much higher in the interior. There is much native food, such good gardens, such an abundance of berries, and such a profusion of fish of all kinds and game, that one can almost pick up a living there. You can obtain these articles much cheaper than you can buy the meat and fish here in the East, or even on the Californian coast.

If you wish to consider this place, please write us fully, mentioning your age, your family, and your previous experience, and also giving us as references ministers and others who know you and your work.

Of course, I cannot promise that the Board will act favorably on your application, but we are very anxious to man that field very soon, and I am hoping and praying that you will prove to be the right man.

I think I shall not describe Hydaburg, giving you only the one place, which is the most important, to consider.

Hoping to hear from you very soon.

I am,

Most cordially yours,

W. S. Hall

Dictated but not read.

Alfred Russel Wallace

Placeville, Calif.,
Nov. 22nd 1920

Rev. S. Hall Young, D.D.,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Young: -
Your favor of Nov. 1st came
three or four days ago. After due
consideration I have decided that I
can scarcely take the work at
Wrangel. The Cordova field was
the one I had in mind when I
wrote to Dr. Marquis.

Thanking you for your kindness
in writing so fully about the work
at Wrangel, and hoping that you
may soon secure a good man
for that work, I am,

Sincerely Yours,
J. E. Sulchant

9/16/20

Mr. Galbreath

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Emerson Iowa.

July 14 - 1920

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Presbyterian Board of Home Missions
156 Fifth Ave, New York City.

Gentlemen: I notice in the Herald
and Presbyter for July 7th a call for men
for Alaska.

I have recently graduated from the
Seminary - am married and have
no children. I preached in St Joseph several
years before going to Seminary. Am thirty
seven years old.

Mrs Calkins and I think we would
be willing to go to Alaska and should
like to know more about the work there
also living expense etc. We were espe-
cially interested in Cordova, from the
description given.

For references write Rev Henry J Sawyer
St Joseph Mo. Rev E E Strongfield - King
City Mo or Rev A B Marshall, of
Presbyterian Theol Seminary, Omaha -
Very sincerely yours
Charles S Calkins

July 29, 1920.

Rev. Charles S. Calkins,

Emerson, Iowa.

My dear Brother:-

Your letter of July the fourteenth, making application for Alaskan work in response to the article published in the Herald and Presbyter, has been received. I desire simply to acknowledge the letter at this writing and to thank you for it. It will have full consideration.

It may not be amiss, however, for me to state that as the number of applications exceeds the places vacant in Alaska we shall not be able to meet the expectations of all the brethren who have written us. I will report to you later.

Very sincerely yours,

AD/I.

September 9, 1920.

Rev. E. E. Stringfield, Ph.D.,

King City, Missouri.

My dear Dr. Stringfield:-

The Rev. C. S. Calkins of Emerson, Iowa, has expressed a desire to go as a missionary to Alaska and has given your name as a reference. Alaska is, as you know, a somewhat difficult field requiring a man of devotion, patience and resourcefulness. I have presented for his consideration the field at Hydaburg, one of our Indian missions in Southeastern Alaska.

Please write us frankly and fully telling us your opinion of Mr. Calkins' fitness for such a work, and also, the fitness of his wife, if you know her.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Cordially yours,

SHY/EMI

(Stamped envelope enclosed)

September 9, 1920.

Rev. A. B. Marshall, D.D., M.D.,
Presbyterian Theological Seminary,
Omaha, Nebraska.

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Faith Presbyterian Church,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

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a man of devotion and patience and resourcefulness.
I have presented for his consideration the field at
Hydaburg, one of our Indian missions in Southeastern
Alaska.

Please write us frankly and fully
telling us your opinion of Mr. Calkins' fitness for such
a work, and also, the fitness of his wife, if you know
her.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Very cordially yours,

SHY/EMI

(Stamped envelope enclosed)

September 9, 1920.

Rev. Charles S. Calkins,

Emerson, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Calkins:-

Yours of July the fourteenth came to the office in due time and has gone the rounds of the Secretaries. Now it has been referred to me for answer as I have charge of the Alaska office.

I am interested in your letter and am writing to the references you have given.

Before your letter came we were in correspondence with a number of ministers who like yourself had expressed a desire to go to Alaska. Two of these we have definitely engaged for Cordova and Fairbanks and they are preparing to go to their new fields. There remain two fields in Southeastern Alaska in the Presbytery of Alaska,- Wrangell and Hydaburg, for which stations we desire missionaries as soon as the right man can be secured.

I am writing to you now specially concerning Hydaburg. I do not know whether you will consider an Indian mission, but am drawing a bow at a venture. Hydaburg is one of our most interesting native missions. The Hydas are the best looking and most intelligent of the natives in Alaska; stalwart, of light complexion, and the teacher of the other tribes in canoe making and other native arts. I first visited the Hydas in 1880 and started a mission at Howkan which is fifteen miles from Hydaburg. Now there is a large government school at Hydaburg, with a cooperative store, salmon cannery, saw-mill, etc., etc. The Howkan mission has been transferred to Hydaburg and this is the center to which the Hydas of five towns come to educate their children and to make homes where they can be near the church. The population is about two hundred and fifty, only a very few of these being whites.

Rev. J. L. Howe who was their last minister was an experienced architect and carpenter and under his directions the natives built the manse and perhaps the best finished church in Alaska. It is built of native woods and the natives were the workmen. They also sawed the lumber in their own mill and asked the whites for nothing except \$300. or \$400. which I raised to purchase nails, glass, etc. These Hydas have set an example to other natives of Alaska to build their own church.

Mr. Howe was taken severely ill with symptoms of tuberculosis last winter and has had to leave Alaska. The natives are sorely in need of a missionary and would give one a very warm welcome.

This region has a very mild climate. The temperature never reaches zero in the winter, and the summers are mild and pleasant. It is

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Rev. S. Hall Young D.D.

New York N.Y.

Dear Dr. Young,

Mr. Cal Kins came to our

Presbytery from the Methodist Church.

*In his first charge he did splendid work -
but lacked judgment in one or two instances.
From there he went to the Seminary and
took - I think three years course. I have
not met him since he left the
Presbytery. I believe he would do good
work in Alaska. I regard his wife
as a very fine woman and very capable.*

Very truly

E. E. Springfield

Emerson, Iowa.

Sept 16 - 1920

Rev. S. Hall Young
156 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Mr Young: Your letter of Sept. 9th at hand and I regret to say came too late as I have accepted a field in Western Kansas and am now just ready to move. We were and are interested in Alaska and the field at Hydaburg would interest us for we would enjoy the kind of life you describe. I am accustomed to "roughing it" having been reared on a farm, and know how to cut wood, hunt and fish. I am 37 years of age and Mrs Calkins is three years younger.

I received a letter dated July 29 and written by John Dixon which lead me to believe there would possibly be no

CHARLES S. CALKINS
PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER
EMERSON, IOWA

openings in Alaska so did not hesitate
when the call came from western Kansas
where there seemed to be a need of men,

Perhaps, at some future time, I might
be able to serve the Church in Alaska. but
at present I fear I am obligated to the Kansas
field. My address after Oct 1st will

be taken Kansas

Very Truly Yours
Charles S. Calkins

First Presbyterian Church

Clarinda, Iowa

9-16-20

My dear Dr. Young:-

I have your letter making inquiry about Rev & Mrs. Chas. B. Calkins of Emerson, Iowa.

I am pleased to report that they are very excellent young people. They are thirty three or four years of age. Mr. Calkins graduated from the Omaha Theological Seminary last spring although he has been preaching for six or more years. Mrs Calkins is a graduate of a School of Expression ^{in Chicago} & was a member of the faculty for a time after her graduation. Both are persons of very fine appearance & much grace of manner

First Presbyterian Church

Clarinda, Iowa

I had not thought of them for Alaska work but they could do it, do it well, if they undertake it with due devotion. My only question is whether they would be "stayers". They are persons of both ideals & ambitions & I have not thought that they had quite fully found themselves in the good work but if they have been seized on by the missionary spirit it will mean much for the good cause, & I hope it is so.

Yours Cordially

A. B. Marshall

JUL 22 1930

St. Joseph Mo July 19th 1930.

Dear Bro.

I saw a few days ago in the Herald and Presbyterian that the Home Board was in need of some men to go to Alaska to do missionary work. I have been thinking over the matter quite a little and under some conditions might go. The work at Cordova appeals to me more than the rest. Is that field still open?

I was Ordained 1908. Have been in the Pastoral work ever since. My age is 37. Have a wife, and two children. We are all in good health. Have been in my present Pastorate five and one half years. My methods are along the Evangelistic lines. I do not mind doing hard work, but like to see things moving.

If you will send me some information of the work its nature and the like, and what plans the Board has to offer I will be glad to correspond with you in regard to the matter.

Yours very truly,

Pastor 1006 Presbyterian Church.

W. D. Casaday.

1313 Corby St.

July 26, 1920.

Rev. W. D. Canaday,
Hope Presbyterian Church,
St. Joseph, Missouri.

Dear Mr. Canaday:-

I am asked to answer your letter of July 19th. It seems now as if the churches of Fairbanks and Cordova are to be put in charge of two men now in the Northwest whose applications preceded yours.

The church at Wrangell - which is really two churches, white and native, worshipping in the same building - is still vacant; an old but interesting field. Would you consider such work as that?

Also the field of Hydaburg, a purely native church and one of our most promising fields, is vacant.

The salary in the Presbytery of Alaska, which comprises southeastern Alaska, is \$1600.00 with range and expenses to the field. This is at least equal to the \$2000.00 that we pay in interior Alaska - the Presbytery of Yukon, for expenses in southeastern Alaska are much less than in the interior.

If you wish to consider these fields please give us references of those who know your work and your fitness for such a field. This is always required before issuing a commission.

Praying that God may guide you and us in this important matter,

I am

Most cordially yours,

Y-CM

P. S. Please address your answer to Rev. John Dixon, D.D., of our Board, as I expect to depart shortly on a long trip to the West.

DR. GEO. S. CUNNINGHAM
610 HIGHLAND BUILDING
PITTSBURGH, PA.

July 7, 1920.

Dr. John A. Marquis,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear DR. Marquis:-

Miss H. L. Crawford of the Eye and Ear
Hospital, Pittsburgh, is interested in missions
and would like to go someplace where it is cold.
I mentioned Point Barrow and told her where it
was and she said she would consider it. She is
superintendent of the above hospital. I thought
you might like to get in touch with her and if there
is no need at Point Barrow you might be able
to use her somewhere else.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. S. Cunningham

*Ans. July 12th
1920 M. G.*

Rev. James. H. Condit,
Great Bend, Kansas.

Reserve, Wis Apr 23:20.

Dear Mr Condit:- Yours of 17th at hand! Replying will say, I spoke to my wife the other day about our going to Alaska for mission work among the "natives" there, and she said "I don't want to go where it is any colder than it is here in Northern Wis. I presume it is where you would wish us to go. For my part I have for several years wished to go there when I was single, but now suppose I will have to listen to her wishes somewhat; she has always, nearly, lived in Dayton Ohio, and things are cold. She is now under treatment called for on account of the cold but I am hoping when this is passed she will be in her usual good health. I have had some years of experience in mission work, and some among the Indians in the States, and would not be contrary to good plan for me and just at this time would not accept or reject Alaska; write me a little more fully as to your wish, and where I may find you later.

Sincerely yours

A. E. Darity

Danley

May 4, 1920

Rev. James H. Black,

Baldwin, Wisconsin.

Dear Brother:

I am the General Missionary of Alaska, visiting my sister, Mrs. Crozier, for a little time on my way to the Assembly. Part of my mission in the states at this time is to locate men for our work and among the needs is that of missionaries for Indian work. We have several vacancies calling for men at once.

While in San Francisco the name of Rev. A.E. Danly was suggested to me as a minister who had written making inquiry in regard to work in California and expressing a preference for Indian work. I have written to him and this morning received a reply which seems to indicate a possibility of his accepting work in our territory should the way open favorably. Before writing definitely I am anxious to get such information regarding Brother Danly as is available.

I would much appreciate a frank estimate of the man from you. It is a serious matter to commission men for Alaska because of the expense involved in sending them so far and we do not want to open the way for a man until we are thoroughly convinced that he is the right man. Is Mr. Danly consecrated, tactful and trustworthy as a man? Has he a good record in matters financial? Is he a good preacher, i.e., speaker? Does he have pronounced views as to the second coming of Christ? Does he use tobacco? Would he be able to take a church in which both white and Indian work is involved? Any other information which you may give me will be most acceptable.

Kindly address me at the Northern Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
I enclose addressed envelope for reply.

Cordially yours,

REV. J. H. BLACK

May 6 20.

BALDWIN, WIS.

Rev. J.H. Conditt,

Dear Bro.:-- In reply to your inquiry concerning the Rev. A.W. Danley will say that I know nothing of Mr. Danly except that which is good. He is a very faithful, consecrated trustworthy fellow.

He has no bad habits and I never heard him put forth the question of the second coming, so judge that he is not riding that hobby. He has done good work under very difficult conditions among the Indians where he is laboring now. Never heard him preach but he talks well in his reports to Presbytery. For some reason, I don't know what, he has done a good deal of moving about as he has labored all the way between here and the

Pacific Coast since I have known him in the past twenty years. Not much more though than the ordinary preacher of the day I presume. His age might be against him for your work, and he has within the year or so married, and the bride is quite gray and elderly looking. He is a good honest sincere fellow in everything that I have known and not afraid of work.

Sincerely yours,

J. H. Black



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. J. MORTIMER SWANDER, MINISTER

RESIDENCE, 603 PINE STREET

PHONE 376

ELKO, NEVADA

May 10/20

Rev. J. H. Condit, D.D.,
Chicago.

Dear Dr. Condit:-

Your inquiry concerning Bro. A. E. Danly was received some days ago. I have been quite ill for several days and this is my first day out of bed for nearly two weeks.

Bro. Danly was in charge of our mission among the Western Shoshone Indians at Owyhee, Nevada, for several years. He is my warm personal friend and his heart is among the Indian peoples. I take it this letter will be held confidential.

Bro. Danly is a great big man with some Indian features altho I do not know that he has any Indian blood in his veins. He is slow and deliberate and the Indians liked him very much. He is a man of some means and he fed the Indian every time he passed his door as nearly as I could find out from the Indians. He was also known among them as having three check books on different banks and when they worked for him he paid them more than any body else ever had. They still inquire about him and why he did not come back to them. Until lately he has kept up correspondence with certain of them and has been waiting a chance to go back.

He is something of a carpenter and general handy man. He built a manse. It had more nails in it than any building of its size I have ever seen. His mechanical work was well done.

When the manse was nearly finished he wrote the Home Mission Committee that the manse was progressing etc and that the work there needed a woman missionary and that the Committee would have to send one in order that the work might prosper. Also that he was building the manse so that he could use a part of it and that the good lady who should be sent could use the other part etc. As he was an old "bach" probably past fifty then the Committee thought he had better retire from the work and a married man be sent--particularly as Bro. Danly was always in trouble with the agent -- superintendent of the Reservation.

He went home to take care of his aged father and mother. Both have died since and I suspect he is married as he wrote me in his last letter that he had "found a good thing" at last. He was not on the field long enough to get any marked spiritual results. He is unquestionably a christian man but is not long on tact and several other things quite essential in mission work but has admirable qualities nevertheless. He has the physique to withstand hardship even at his age and as I said I do not think he is entirely dependent on salary for his support. If possible you should meet him. Personally I should hesitate to say he is not the man for your work but I think it would taking a big chance to send him so far as an experiment.

*Danly came from Chippewa
Presb. Fraternally J. M. Swander*

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HOTEL FRYE

DAN W. BASS AND P. H. WATT
MANAGERS

SEATTLE

June 11th, 1920.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

My dear Dr. Dixon:--

Since I am to be absent all summer, correspondence regarding our vacant Alaska fields will have to be carried on from the New York office, and I hope will be cared for by yourself.

The vacancies are: Wrangell (white and native); Hydaburg (native); Klukwan (native); Cordova and Fairbanks (white); To meet these vacancies, all of which demand men at the earliest possible moment, we have no one in sight. If any one must be left without supply I would suggest Klukwan. All the others demand men at once.

I met a Rev. Rosco S. Nickerson of Bellevue, Idaho at the Assembly meeting, who seemed interested in Alaska and made a favorable impression on me as suitable for either Cordova or Fairbanks. He might fit at Wrangell. I would suggest that Rev. Joseph H. Bartow, D.D., Synodical Missionary at Boise, Idaho, be consulted as to Mr. Nickerson's qualifications. I am enclosing correspondence regarding Rev. A.E. Danley. He seems to me to be a suitable man for Wrangell or Klukwan. I believe it would be well to follow this correspondence farther. I also enclose a telegram which was handed me by Dr. Young. I know nothing about Mr. Bierkemper who sent the message.

I am to-day writing to Rev. Glenn L. Rice of Peoria, Ill. and Rev. Calvin H. Knight of Leoti, Kansas, and enclose copies of the letters which explain themselves.

Hoping that our vacant Alaska fields may find the right men, and the right men may be directed to the fields, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

*see the Co's
letter to Dr.
H. H. Rice
" Knight
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from*

June 11th, 1920.

Rev. Glenn L. Rice,
Peoria, Ill.

Dear Mr. Rice:--

Our mission field at Cordova is vacant and offers a fine opportunity for a live man. The salary is \$2,000 and manse. It has been recently intimated to me that you might consider work in Alaska. I am to be absent all summer in the Far North, but if you are inclined Alaska-ward will you write Dr. John Dixon, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. for information.

I would be glad to have you in our work. Remember me to Mrs. Rice.

Cordially,

Copy

June 11th, 1920

Rev. Calvin H. Knight,
Leoti, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Knight:--

If you have any inclination toward Alaska work, I would be glad if you would so communicate to Dr. John Dixon, 156 - 5th Avenue, New York. We have two fields in white communities where there is fine opportunity for service. Both are in the Yukon Presbytery. The salary is \$2,000 and manse.

From what I have heard of you I believe that you would fit into this type of work. Will you communicate with Dr. Dixon.

Sincerely yours,

Hotel Frye, Seattle, Washington July 7, 1920

Rev. A.E. Danley,

Reserve,

Wisconsin.

Night letter me here whether accept Indian work Klukwan, Alaska, under combination with Bureau Education wife teach seven months common branches beginning September salary one twenty-five month Board commission you one thousand year with manse expenses both paid to field state teaching experience wife this splendid opportunity constructive service

James H. Condit,
General Missionary.

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SEATTLE'S NEWEST AND LARGEST HOTEL

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SEATTLE July 12, 1920

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
156 5th Avenue,
New York.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

I herewith enclose a telegram sent to ~~R. H. K.~~
Rev. A. E. Danley, Reserve, Wisconsin, his reply and my letter to
him, all copies of the original.

His name was given to me some time since as
a possibility for Alaska. He is 61 years old, has been a
bachelor until recently when he married. Has had considerable
experience in Indian work. I have written to one or two
men regarding him and regret that their replies are not available
being in my files at Juneau. The replies were on the whole
favorable. He is described as an earnest man, set in his ways,
fair preacher. The question of his age might enter in but
he is reported as in vigorous health.

He might fit in at either Wrangell or
Hydaburg but I believe it would be well to farther correspond
with the Synodical Missionary of Wisconsin or with some minister
of the Synod of Wisconsin who would be able to give farther
light on his capabilities.

It is possible that we may be able to make some
such arrangement as I suggested for Klukwan with a man another
year. I fear that it is too late to do so now as the government
wishes to place its teachers soon. The situation at Klukwan
is puzzling. There are hardly enough people to warrant the
government in sustaining a school with two teachers, as in the
past and also it is a question whether the Board is justified
in paying full salary to a man for the same reason. Therefore
the suggested combination with the Bureau of Education. At
present the Haines man is instructed to do what he can for Klukwan
but in winter it is impossible for him to get back and forth.

I am exceedingly anxious that a man be found
for Wrangell. That field needs a strong man who can cope with
a difficult situation. The same thing is true at Hydaburg with
the difference that it is a purely native proposition.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Condit

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July 12, 1920

Rev. A.E. Banley,
Reserve, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Banley:

Your telegram received yesterday.

Unless your wife could take the school at Klukwan it would not be possible to commission you to Klukwan as missionary under the salary arrangement which I suggested in my wire.

As there are not enough children at Klukwan, nor enough people generally, to warrant the government going to the expense for schools it has appropriated in the past, it has been thought by Mr. Lopp and myself that by a mutual understanding by which the salary in each instance should be made lower than in other places in S.E. Alaska we might secure a man and wife who could take charge of both school and church. Our missionaries in S.E. Alaska are at present receiving \$1600 and house. Under the arrangement which I suggested in my telegram your combined salary would be \$1875. The one-thousand dollar salary would not be sufficient for you and wife.

We have two other vacancies in S.E. Alaska, Wrangell, which is a combined white and native work and Hydaburg, which is native work. Should you care to correspond regarding either of these will you write directly to Rev. John Dixon, 156, 8th Avenue, New York, who has charge of the matter in New York. I am leaving for the far north in a few days and will be out of touch with mails until fall.

There are some 150 people at Klukwan. The village is in an isolated place, twenty miles up the Chilcat river from the coast at Haines. It is in a fine place, cold in winter, delightful in summer, good garden possibilities, plenty of fish and game. The house is furnished and fuel is obtained from the timber at hand. Good school building.

At Hydaburg there are some 250 people. The location is on Prince of Wales Island. The people are progressive. Mild climate on account of influence of ocean currents. Seldom as cold as ten degrees below zero. Excellent school, co-operative government store, good house partly furnished, mail weekly.

Rev. A.E. Lanley

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July 12, 1920

Both church and manse have recently been built. To white people were excepting the school force and a nurse who at present is under commission of our Women's Board. A rather difficult field to manage because of interference of Salvation Army and other conditions. But on the whole a very promising field.

Wrangell has a considerable population of whites with a good native population in addition. Services held for both whites and natives--morning native, evening white. Good Sunday School. Demands a man who can preach acceptably to whites. Former missionary made a specialty of bible study. We plan to build a manse at Wrangell to take the place of the present old building which is not comfortable. The church building is good.

I judge that it will be too late for any arrangements to be made regarding Klukwan by the time you receive this letter as the Bureau of Education must settle on its teachers soon. Should you wish to correspond along this line write to Mr. W.F. Lopp, Bureau of Education, Smith Building, Seattle.

Sincerely yours,

General Missionary.

DEC 13 1920

Portland, Oregon
231 1/2 W. 23rd St.

Dec 7th.

Bushy Bd of Home Missions
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly
tell me if there is need
of missionary workers
in Alaska? I am
neither a trained nurse
or a teacher but it may
be I could still fit in

some other ranch & work

I would not go to

the field as an inexperienced
worker as I have served

many years in the Bureau
under our Foreign Board.

I realize, however, as I am
not trained for any special
work & as I am not now
40 years of age it may be
difficult to find a place
of usefulness in the Northern
field.

If there is any thing
you have to offer I shall
be glad to hear of it - and
consider it -

Sincerely
Mrs. (F. B. Douglass)

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THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

H. B. ELLWOOD, PASTOR

BAYLIS, ILL.

July 9, 1920

The Board of Home Missions,
156-5th Avenue
New York, City.

Gentlemen:- In the Herald and Presbyter of last issue I note "A Call to Alaska," The call has, especially impressed both Mrs Ellwood and myself.

We have lived much in the west - In many settlements where modern conveniences were few. I have labored among, cow boys, Indians, gold and silver and coal miners as well as the lumber men of the great north west. I have also labored in the cities both north and south and in the towns, and smaller county seats north and south as mission worker and as pastor.

It has been said that I am especially fitted by education and training for the work in which God has placed me. My education was gained in the north and south. Born in Illinois, raised in Georgia. My father was a minister, professor of history, mathematics & languages, twice President of Colleges, a church Architect with buildings covering much of this country. I have aided him in much work.

Whether as pastor in city or country town I have always been called to do special constructive work many times in building up membership and in remodeling or constructing new buildings. I was called here for a special work. The community also wishes to retain me as does the church. We have a good church building, manse and 160 acres farm land. Would refer you to Farmers Bank Baylis or any merchant or citizen of Baylis.

We are under middle age. We especially enjoy working among the young people. In Sunday School

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

H. B. ELLWOOD, PASTOR

BAYLIS, ILL.

and young people's society work and in interesting them in and giving them work to do in the church services proper. We also do a large work among the middle aged and enjoy the company of the aged.

We both work in every department of church work. It is natural that we should love the work. My father a minister, several cousins ministers, other ancestors were ministers, my brothers are great church workers. One has two sons now studying for the ministry another now has one son studying for the ministry. We have a grown daughter that is doing a great work for the Master among the young people. If you would approve and I accept either of the four points I expect that she would accompany us to Alaska.

We would prefer Fairbanks, next Cordova, but would consider a call to either point. Our work has been equally successful among business men, teachers and professional men as among, miners, tradesmen, railroad men and the Indians of the far west.

As requests are before me to take either pulpits the first of September I will be very glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience. I am a brother in the Master's service.

H. B. Ellwood

July 14, 1920.

Rev. H. B. Ellwood,

Baylis, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Ellwood:-

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July the ninth, and have become interested in your presentation of your various experiences and aspirations. Kindly give us the names of two or three men to whom I can write concerning yourself and your work for it is important that you should be fully advised with regard to the kind of work to be done, and also, that we should be well assured of the fitness of every man whom we send into Alaska.

I do not find your name in the Minutes of the General Assembly beyond 1919. Were you in the ministry before that time? In any event, please tell us about your ministerial life and labors quite fully.

Very sincerely yours,

JD/I.

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Mr Ficus

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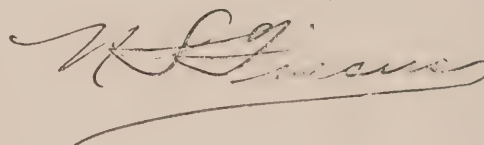
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Rec'd July 27, 1920
Ans'd July 29, 1920.

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Original letter ref'd to Dr. Marquis

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Cordially yours,

Letter attached-

JD/I.

July 29, 1920.

Rev. H. S. Fiscus,

Hayward, Cal.

My dear Mr. Fiscus:-

Your letter of July the twenty-second, making application for Alaskan work has been received. I desire simply to acknowledge the letter at this writing and to thank you for it. It will have full consideration.

It may not be amiss, however, for me to state that as the number of applications exceeds the places vacant in Alaska we shall not be able to meet the expectations of all the brethren who have written us. I will report to you later.

Very sincerely yours,

JD/I.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
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John Dixon

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JD/I.

August 2, 1920.

Dr. Dixon:

I have known Fiscus ever since he was in college. He is between 40 and 50 years of age, was a crack foot-ball player on the Washington-Jefferson team and is a hard-hearted, two-fisted fighter by nature. He would know how to get along in a rough community very well but I do not think he is fit to work among people of refinement and education.

Very sincerely yours

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August 3, 1920.

Dear Dr. Dixon:-

The enclosed letter from Mr. Marple makes two good suggestions. The first is on the basis of our continuing to occupy the field. This is what I would prefer, provided we can do it without embarrassing our budget or wasting the Lord's money.

Whilst Fiscus is a kind of "rough-neck", yet he is thoroughly consecrated; a good man in his personal life, and I believe would fill that field at Fairbanks pretty well. If we can scrape together the money to send him up there before navigation closes, I believe this is the best solution. You will know whether or not it can be done and whatever your decision is I will back it.

Second,- Mr. Marple's second suggestion I have marked in his letter, namely,- the federated idea. If the Methodists will sell their property and use the proceeds for the benefit of the federated work and supply what is needed to make up the salary, then I would favor going in with them in accordance with the plan noted on page 3 of Mr. Marple's letter.

Third,- The third solution would be the one you suggested in regard to Mr. Diven.

If the money can be found I prefer No. 1. If that can not be done, then I would suggest wiring No. 3 to the church, leaving No. 2 until Dr. Condit's return.

(John A. Marquis.

(Dictated by Dr. Marquis
to E. M. I.)

August 4, 1920.

Rev. N.S. Fiscus,
Hayward,
California.

My dear Mr. Fiscus: ~~RECEIVED~~

Dr. John Dixon, who is acting as Secretary for Alaska, has requested me to write you concerning the decision of the Executive Committee of the Board. Dr. Marquis has recommended you for appointment to our church at Fairbanks in the interior of Alaska, the Presbytery of Yukon.

I built and organized the church of Fairbanks in 1904 when that town was a great booming gold camp. It has been a prosperous church ever since, until the last two years. Now the town is at its lowest ebb. We do not think it can get any lower. The reasons for the loss of population and depression there now are:

First, the low price of gold making it impossible to work at a profit thousands of gold claims in Alaska.

Second, the slowness of the Government in completing the Railroad from the Coast to the interior.

Third, an epidemic of influenza that carried off a great many people and drove others away last Spring.

Fourth, the neglect of Congress to provide needed legislation for Alaska.

On the other hand Fairbanks will always remain, I think, the metropolis of interior Alaska. The climate is the most bracing and comfortable I have ever enjoyed and I spent four years at that place. The temperature sinks as low as 60 degrees below zero in the winter, but the air is light, dry and still and 50 or 60 below zero there is not so hard on me as zero weather here in New York. The summers are warm and the constant day for nearly three months brings vegetation on with marvelous rapidity and to astonishing perfection. All the common grains except corn flourish there. The small fruits, potatoes and all garden vegetables and I have never seen such crops of these varieties anywhere else. There is one grist mill at Fairbanks and they are raising their own flour, potatoes, oats and other products. The small fruits grow there to great perfection. There is no climatic hardship in going to Fairbanks. ~~RECEIVED~~

Mr. Marple who has had charge of that church for four years, is now East and has taken charge of our Mission at Anchorage on the southwestern coast. Dr. Diven who is our Missionary at Nenana sixty miles down the Tanana River from Fairbanks goes up to Fairbanks every other week, but cannot do that during the winter. There are Methodist and Episcopal Churches at Fairbanks, but they are both closed now and negotiations are going forward to unite the Methodist with the Presbyterian Church. ~~RECEIVED~~

It is decided to send you to Fairbanks at once if you consent to go. The salary is \$2000, a furnished manse and the traveling expenses of yourself and your family.

You would go in the summer time by steamboat to Scagway in the northern part of southeast Alaska, across the mountains by the White Pass Railroad, 110 miles, then down the Yukon River by steamboat past Dawson, Eagle and Circle to Tanana at the mouth of the Tanana River and up that river 250 miles to your destination. It will take you about three weeks from California to Fairbanks. The Board would advance your traveling expenses and as much of your salary as you may need.

The Fairbanks Church has been giving six or eight hundred dollars toward the salary, but in the present depression they will not be able to do so much. The Board will stand back of you to the full amount beyond what they are able to raise.

Will you go to Fairbanks and how soon can you start? In order to reach that point comfortably and surely by steamboat, you ought to start not later than the second week in September. Please reply to Dr. John Dixon of the Board as soon as you can and if necessary telegraph at the expense of the Board.

I have so much faith in the ultimate greatness of the interior Alaska and the greatness of that church that I feel like congratulating you if you are able to go and take charge of it.

Very sincerely yours,

(E. J. Hall Young)

P.S. Mr. Nickerson has been chosen for the church at Cordova.

Hayward, California, August 10, 1920.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Bro.: -

In a letter dictated by Dr. Young on the 4th Inst concerning the Fairbanks Church of Alaska he asked me to write my answer to you. It is certainly a most interesting letter and I am in perfect sympathy with the cause that inspired it.

Indeed nothing would please me better than to take up such a work as is indicated in Dr. Young's letter for the rest of my life. I think that I know myself well enough now to have reason to believe that I could do well in it. But, while I can work almost day and night anywhere along the coast without apparent injury some experience has taught me that my strong physique might not be so dependable ~~at~~ up at Fairbanks. My wife also, who is always willing and ready for any good work, thinks that it would not be a wise move for her.

I considered all the circumstances before writing you the note last month. And because they would not permit I did not venture forth farther than "Cordova." Believe me I would like to say "Anywhere", but for the present it does not seem to us to be wise or right.

It seems too bad to disappoint you, but I sincerely hope that you will find some one who can go to Fairbanks right soon.

I certainly appreciate the confidence of the Committee and Dr. Marquis and the fine persuasive letter by Dr. Young.

Thanking you all, and believing that God will guide for the best, I am

Very sincerely,



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U.S. City of Seattle
Near Ketchikan Alaska
May 8 1918

Rev John F. Dixon D.D.
Board of Home Missions
New York.

My dear Brother. -

I am enclosing a copy of a
Resume of my work at Sunday School
Missionary ~~work~~ in Alaska and Yukon
Presbytery. Most of my work has been done
in Yukon Presbytery.

I am sending you this report not because
I am answerable to you, but because I and
my work have been tried and condemned and
executed without a hearing. I wasn't given
even an opportunity to say my prayers before
execution as is common with criminals.

To show you that I am not "covering round",
that others care" you will note that I did not
see a minister of evangelical type from the
time I left Skagway until I reached An-
chorage 10 months except as Dr. Dixon came
in to take up the work I had begun. The most
of the territory I covered was virgin soil reflected
by all the denominations.

While I was delving in to the wilds out of com-
munication with the world, doing what, I suppose
the Lord and the presbyteries wanted me to do

do consist of, tried and condemned ~~and~~ Execute
me before I know it. During my journey
by dog team I was three months without
mail. I submit to you, is that fair to a
man or his work, To submerge a man and
condemn him and his work before he can come
up? If I were a man of less years, and less
of standing in the church, I might have suffered
irreparable damage. I do not feel though that
I am the loser in this deal in the eyes of
the church.

I am not defending myself, but the Sunday
school work. Your representative admits that
he could not cover the ground I have and
further I hear an announcement of retreat-
ment rather than advance by your Board.

I want to tell you that the Catholics are
planning and executing a campaign to
take Alaska Soul and Body and unless the
evangelical denominations wake up the
work will not be so easy later.

I remember meeting you pleasantly at
the Assembly in Atlantic City and I hold you
personally in the highest regard and I am sure
you will corroborate the information my report
contains. Can a man be idle with such report?

Most sincerely and fraternally

Seattle First Church
for a few weeks.

F. L. Forbes

I could mention to remain an important fishing town on Cook's Inlet. When I had been invited to come and establish a Sunday school and would have gone, had transportation seemed a little earlier. At the time I was at Anchorage boats could not run. When I was at Roosevelt the traveler mentioned brought the word of a double murder Mr. McGill had killed a Muskox and some one else killed McGill. The fray was over a school station Mr. McGill is the man who had written me asking me to organize a school there, and could I have gone I would have been there when it happened. The people who brought the word of the killing came out by dog team over a 100 mile unused trail

May 14th, 1918.

Rev. F. L. Forbes, D.D.,
C/o The First Presbyterian Church,
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Dr. Forbes:-

I desire to thank you for your favor of May the third enclosing a copy of your Report to the Sunday School Board. I have read every bit of it with interest. Kindly pardon me for saying that your statement concerning Menana does not seem to give all the important facts in the case and differs by omission from the reports that have been made to us both by Dr. Condit and Mr. Diven.

I much regret the controversy between yourself and our brethren in Alaska and would be grateful if at some time in the near future the controversy could be satisfactorily adjusted and the Sunday School Board carry on its mission with the hearty consent of the Presbyteries involved and cooperation from all the ministers.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

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ANNUAL REPORT
REV. F.L.FORBES D.D.
SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY
ALASKA-YUKON PRESBYTERY.

Mr. J.M.Somerndike,
Superintendent Missionary Dep't.
Board of Sunday School Work,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Somerndike:

It is with regret I am called upon to close my work with your board, and I am sure you appreciate these words to their fullest meaning.

In closing my work I desire to give you a resume of my work for the year which so far as work is concerned has been one of the happiest, if not one of the most fruitful of a long and a varied ministry. Among the pleasures of the year has been your constant patience with me and the repeated expressions of encouragement and confidence.

I am inclined to think you laid on me the biggest task that has ever been laid upon any Sunday School Missionary. You gave me the Territory of Alaska with its immense scope of country, its scattered population, its primitive highways, and its unworked condition. I have tried in my humble and limited ways to meet the requirements of the almost limitless task.

Alaska covers a territory of 600,000 square miles which in terms of acres is 348,000,000 acres. The Territorial agronomist estimates that 100,000 square miles or one sixth of this can be classed as agricultural land. In this huge block of territory are minerals of all varieties. Alaska has been known for its gold. This is not all gone. New strikes are occurring and old fields are being industriously worked. Copper is another mineral that is being mined in large quantities, coal is coming on and may be a rival to both of these, while chrome iron is now being shovelled off the beach in Western Alaska, by the hundreds of tons and is shipped to Pittsburgh to help in making hardened steel for our great guns. I might mention oil, gas and many other mineral products. The transportation is no small item. Alaska has 25,000 miles of sea coast, add this to more than 7,000 miles of navigable stream in the Yukon and its tributaries, together with the Kuskokwim, those two mighty canals of commerce, then make another addition of the bands of steel that when the Government project is completed will connect the coast with the Yukon and the head waters of the Kuskokwim. Alaska has great natural resources and facilities for transportation. It is however in the undeveloped condition it is today because it has been the prey of the wealth skimmer. The fish, the fur, the gold, iron, copper are making wealth for the States while nothing is left behind to give permanency to the Territory. If the wealth that has been taken out of Alaska were used to develop Alaska, we would now have an Alaska worth while.

In doing the work you assigned me I will have traveled by the time I get back to Seattle in round numbers 7,800 miles by various methods of transportation, ocean steamer, railroad, river steamer, gasboat, horse team and dog team besides many miles of walking. I traveled all told by dog team 883 miles. This

is a means of travel that is unintelligible to the ordinary American,. No one knows even when he has seen a dog musher operate just how it all comes about. There is only one way and that is to get on the handle bars, take a firm grip on the bars, make a definite choice of the words you will and will not use, swing with the sled, hang on when it tips over, roll when it rolls, drag when the dogs do not stop, jump off to run up hill, jump on and hold the brake when they scoot down hill and indeed be ready for any emergency they may come, but never let go of the sled and NEVER swear at the dogs. I made 188 during the year 5835 calls upon families and many of them where a minister has never entered before and always without a single exception I was cordially welcomed. I have never had in all my ministry more profitable calls ministering comfort, cheer and encouragement and stimulus to a better life.

I held 143 services, some of which were held in places where a minister had never been. I found a young married couple at one of my services who had been married seven years and they told me that this was the first service they had had the opportunity of attending since they were married. Many a man told me he had not been to a service for twenty years. I corralled a man who said he would not go to church, if he could find anyother place to go. The service was held in the hotel lobby and he was at the service. I told him I was glad to see him there, but he said the only reason he was there was because the stores were closed and he had nowhere else to go, but he said "you can tell the people outside thatyou preached to a man that had not been in a church for thirty-seven years".

My services were held in various places, in rented halls, in church buildings, in fraternal halls, in hotel lobbies, in road houses, in pool halls, in saloons, in school houses and indeed in any place that was available at the time of need.

I distributed nearly 10,000 pages of literature and took loose collections amounting to \$631.57. I found the Alaskans a most generous hearted people. They always wanted to have a hand in the expense of the work I was carrying on. I needed only to give them an opportunity and their response was ready and generous. The least coin of the Interior is a quarter and I have five dollar pieces at different times. I had a \$35.00 wedding fee and a \$35.00 funeral fee, \$10.00 at one time for a baptism and \$5.00 at another time.

I conducted five funeral services and in every case, had I not been there, they would have been obliged to bury without a service or call upon the United States Commissioner or some Lodge as is often the case.

In one case a young man was killed in the construction of a wireless station. He died in October and was kept in a frozen condition, stored on a barge awaiting my arrival. They knew that I was coming through and as the parents were Christian people, they wanted a Christian burial, so they held the body for my coming. The parents lived in Victoria and could not be there, so the people did all they could in showing respect to the dead by kind attention and making paper flowers. He was laid away in the frozen ground to remain unchanged until the resurrection or until some climatic

change would thaw the ground and let the process of decay begin.

I heard of one funeral in a place that I went through where there was no minister. The commissioner held the service and for want of church hymns and musicians they let the phonograph sing "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep." I have used in my services all kinds of instruments, the Billhorn folding organ, cabinet organs, pianos, guitars, phonographs and always had by one vocal organ when nothing else was available.

I organized more or less completely fourteen Sunday Schools. I found in Alaska the largest possible room for a Sunday School Missionary. There is not so much for him to do in the training line as the distances make it impossible to get forces together, but the two distinctive features of the S.S. Missionary work, that of taking strategic points and of reaching unschooled people, going where no body else goes, can be applied in Alaska as in no other place I know of. There are developments going on in Alaska and there are a few strategic points that would be well to look after.

The first field I went to is one of these, Nenana. When I reached there in June on the second river boat going down from White Horse, I found the field wholly unoccupied, except by an Episcopal Mission for the Natives. I secured a vacant building and proceeded to advertise my services and got about five people out to the morning service and about 11 to the Sunday school. I have done a great deal of mission work but never had so hard a time to get hold of the people as I did there. My second Sunday morning I had two at the service and about 13 at the Sunday School, and about the same number at the evening service. Two funerals occurred in the next week that gave me an opportunity to reach the men a little better. Then a strike on the Railroad occurred and I took an interest in that and was asked to speak before a gathering of about 500 people. I seemed to get hold of them for there were seventy people at my evening service the following Sabbath. There before men would avoid me, now they would hail me from their work wherever they saw me. I had won them and the work went faster after that than I could keep up with. The people wanted a church and without solicitation on my part there was given me in cash, material and labor \$385.00, so that when Mr. Diven, the missionary sent by the Home Board, arrived things were ready to turn over to him in good shape and work was immediately begun on the new building and now a commodious chapel and residence combined furnishes the equipment for the work. Mr. Diven is doing splendid work in the field.

My second field was that of Ruby, the landing place and business headquarters for the Ruby Mining district. There are some two hundred and fifty people in the town. There was at one time a minister located there who secured a building, but there has never been any organization. It had been nearly two years since any service had been rendered these people. I found the building equipped for work except lights. I bought lamps, wood, oil, and went to work. I did not try to hold morning services here except Sunday School. I started the Sunday School with ten scholars and cared for the place and a pastor should for three months. I trained workers to carry on the School after I was gone and succeeded in making or rather womaning a school of an average attend-

ance of 33. My average attendance at the evening service was about 45. The collections nearly paid my personal expenses, besides taking care of the local expenses.

I find Ruby an interesting field. It is the center of a population of twelve hundred people that have no religious privileges at all. A minister located there could meet the religious needs of twelve hundred people at a very small cost of travelling. Some one will say Ruby is a mining camp and has no future. No one can say that for he has not the knowledge of the future. There is one thing certain, the people are there now and need the gospel and are willing to do their fair share in supporting it. This field would be sixty miles long and could be cared for in summer and winter with a pony.

The real itinerant mission work of the year began with the second day of January when I left Ruby to cover that great neglected and uncared for interior mostly inaccessible in the summer on account of the swampy tundra and in the winter because of the "nigger head" trail that makes the sledding hard. The winter trail however makes it possible to reach all points as it could not be done in the summer. I entered on this task with some misgivings as I had never mushed dogs before. I was fully apprised of the dangers of the trip by all the people in Ruby. I might encounter niggerheads and I did, I might lose my trail and I did, I might get into deep snow and I did, wallowing thigh deep through wet and crusted snow, I might get into over flows and get wet and I did, the dogs might get away from me and they did. Everything they prophesied would happen did happen, but I never had a more delightful trip in my life and never could expect to come through in better shape physically.

The difficulty of travel was insignificant as compared with the needs of the field. There was not so much opportunity for organizing Sunday Schools on account of the scarcity of the children and the scattered population. I visited Long, a mining camp, in the Ruby district. I think they had had three or four services there before. I found there the sister of one of Billy Sunday's assistants, a delightful little woman who was with numbers of others hungering for the Gospel.

From there I went to Tamarack Creek where there had never been a minister before. I held a service in a private house. There were forty two men and five women in the camp. I had twenty six of them at my service. There was but one child in the camp.

My next stop was at Peorson where there were six forty two men and seven women. My service here was on Sunday. I had thirty-six at the service.

From there I went to Ophir about 100 miles away. It was here that I held the service in the Road House lobby and used the Phonograph to lead the singing and had a solo, The Holy City sung by Gorgoraz. There were twenty four people in this town and I had twenty of them in the service.

Iditarod, Flat and Otter are the three places in the Iditarod district. If I were inclined to be censorious I would say that the Iditarod district is the criss of the churches. Here

is a community now of twelve hundred people within walking distance of each other and there have been at times from four to five thousand people there and there has never been a resident minister of any denomination in the camp except the work done by our veteran missionary of Alaska, Dr. S. Hall Young who remained about a year or a year and a half. Since he left only occasional visits have been made by anybody say once in two or three years. I spent five weeks with these people holding five services a week and organizing two Sunday Schools, one at Flat which I left with thirty-five in attendance and one at Iditarod with thirteen in attendance. I found these people anxious for a Sunday School. They only wanted someone to lead them in getting started. It is well manned with a complete corps of officers and teachers, as fine as could be secured in the States and a singer to lead them that many a Sunday School would be glad to get. I held services in Flat on Sunday evening and Thursday evening. The mid week service was as well attended as the Sunday service. They want a minister and they do not care what ~~denominat~~ denomination but he must be true and genuine with fair ability. They will come very near supporting a man that will come in with the right spirit and do the right kind of work. This is the most neglected and at the same time the most hopeful field I have found. Some will say here again that the camp is old and will soon be worked out. I have the same answer to make, the people are there and want the gospel and should have it.

My next group of fields clusters about McGrath, the head of navigation on the Kuskokwim and the terminus of the projected branch of the Government Railroad. This is a strategic point and is now coming to the front. A dredge is now being built that will employ from sixty to a hundred men, it is the business point for the new Nixon Fork strike and also for the Ruby Creek both of which are showing excellent prospects. It is the center of the great fur and game region and has good agricultural possibilities. From McGrath a minister could work Tootna eighteen miles away and Ophir twenty-two miles farther winter and summer, and Tolstoi thirty miles further in winter. He could also reach the adjacent camps at convenient parts of the year. This field I regard as hopeful of making a permanent field. There is a future here, it may not be large, but it will be permanent. I arranged to have the Sunday School work taken care of at Tolstoi, Ophir, Tootna, and McGrath. These four fields paid a considerable amount over my expenses while there.

For a stretch of 265 miles from McGrath there was nothing but ~~road~~houses where usually one or two men kept the houses. We only saw two women in that distance.

The field that next attracted ~~my~~ our attention centers around Matanuska. The points where I held services and arranged for Sunday Schools in this district were Knik, Wasilla, Matanuska, Finger Lake, Palmer, Eka, and Chickaloon. This is the only field I found up to this point in all my work where a minister had preceded me with the exception of the little work done in Ruby and Iditarod years before. Here the Home Board had kept a man for some time, but the field is vacant, as the minister has gone to the war.

I must speak particularly of Finger Lake. a farming country out of Matanuska. Here is a district some ten miles square in the center of which is a community hall. At this hall the people gather for all social political, religious and other meetings.

On the night I arrived there they had a school meeting. I went to the meeting, met the people and announced my service for the Easter Sunday. Of course the people danced that night but they all appreciated the opportunity of having an Easter service and I had at the service at three o'clock thirty one people some of whom came five miles. I never saw more refined and intelligent farmers in the states,

In Anchorage the railroad town and distributing point for all this country back to Iditarod, a distance of five hundred and fifty miles, there is a church of each of four denominations. It was my privilege to preach to the Presbyterian church and present the Sunday School work and the Sunday School assumed the support of the Flat School by giving the Board \$35.00. This is an important item as it ties this church to the great country tributary to it.

My trip over the trail from Anchorage to Seward was interesting. At Girwood I found forty people and they had never had a church service. They seemed to my holding a service, but I visited all the families and got thirty of the forty out to church in a pool-room and a collection of \$14.70. My next point was Roosevelt where the railroad touches beautiful Lake Kenai. As the train runs only every other day, I had to stay two nights there. There was a population of ten people in the town and I had eleven at the service. One was a traveller.

My work practically ended at Seward. From there on it was mostly inspection work for information, as I must get out by the end of my year.

There You will notice all my work was done in the Yukon Presbytery. There is still much untouched work. There are many places along the coast that are as needy of work and as interesting as those on the Interior. I left Juneau my headquarters on June 8th 1917 and reached it again on April 22nd 1918. I took a trip on a small gas boat to Sitka and back to see what there was on the route off from the main lines of travel. I found a number of places where Sunday Schools could be established and where religious work could be done by giving them the time. I can see work enough to last a missionary some years among the islands and in the new strikes that are being discovered on the Interior. I learned of one town where halibut and cod fishing is carried on the year around where five hundred people live and no service or religious work of any kind is being done.

There are two or three coincidences that make it important that the church redouble her work in Alaska. The fact that the saloon is gone makes an open field of opportunity that has never been in Alaska before. The fact that the Greek Church has lost all its financial support from Russia makes it important that other denominations fill in the breach. There are many of these little Moorish Styled Churches vacant and where they are kept open it is by the personal sacrifice of the unpaid priest. Then the further fact that Alaska is developing in its fisheries, its mines, its furs, its railroads, its timber and all other natural resources makes it important that the church be on the ground to meet the

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needs of this great Territory.

I want to express my appreciation of your personal interest in my work and the kindly sympathy, courtesy, and encouragement as I have been out on the front battling with the elements and the many obstacles incident to pioneering and other unnecessary obstacles of which you are aware.

Most cordially and humbly submitted,

F. L. Forbes

Sunday School Missionary
for Alaska.

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WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

December 21st, 1920.

Memorandum for Dr. Marquis:

Miss Esther Gibson, the nurse of whom we were speaking when you were down in my office this afternoon, is at present located at 27 North Sixth Terrace, Rochester, N. Y. As Miss Gibson entered the work of the Woman's Board some time in the Nineties, I am unable to locate her record of training without a search back into old files. Perhaps the simplest and quickest way would be for you to write Miss Gibson direct.

If you wish us to search further let me know and I shall be very glad to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

Edna R. Taro

Superintendent of Schools.

February 1, 1921.

Miss Esther Gibson,
27 Portsmouth Terrace,
Rochester, N. Y.

Dear Miss Gibson:

We have been wondering whether it would be possible to get you to go to Point Barrow as a nurse for the new hospital we have built there. The Commonwealth Fund of New York furnished us with \$25,000 for the erection of a hospital and we want a trained nurse to head up that feature of it. We have a worker there now, a native Eskimo woman, who has had some training, but she is not qualified to take charge of the nursing end of it.

Your service to Alaska has been so good that if you would think of trying it so far away we would be glad to have a conference with you some time soon. We have many applicants, but we would rather send some one who knows the situation as you do.

Hoping I may hear from you soon, I am

Very sincerely,

JAM:ES

Esther Gibson,
27 Portsmouth Terrace,
Rochester, N. Y.

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Rochester N. Y.
Feb 7th 1921

John A. Marquis
156 Fifth Ave
New York.

My Dear Mr. Marquis

I received your letter of Feb. 7th and was much surprised that you want me for Point Barrow. I did not answer sooner because I wanted to talk to my Master about it. Yes I want to go, I am sure you do not know that I was born in 1854, & it will be some 20 years as old as I am. Who is the doctor? Would he want me? Is he up there now?

What time in the spring now the first boat go? I remember Dr. Jackson used to stop at Litcha Mission on his way up, but I have forgotten how early.

It best it could not be wise to do anything until the Board has a look at me. I am nursing here for a living.

Will you let me hear from you again

Yours cordially.

Esther Gibson.

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February 11, 1921.

Miss Esther Gibson,
24 Boardman Street,
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Miss Gibson:

I am very glad to have your letter of the 7th. I agree with you that it is a doubtful project to send one of your age so far North as Point Barrow. I had not known you had been in the service so long a time. Dr. Spence has found it too hard for him to endure there any longer and he is about of your age.

All of our people who know you and know about your work were so enthusiastic about it that I was hoping the way would open for you to go with us, but I do not believe it would be just to you to send you so far away and under such difficult conditions as obtain at Point Barrow.

Thanking you for your consideration and wishing you every blessing, I am

Very sincerely yours,

JAM:ES

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Rev. J. J. Porby

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RAPID CITY, S. D.,

July 10

1920

Dear Mr. Gorby:

I was greatly interested in the call for applications for work in Alaska. I believe I will apply for consideration for the Fairbanks field. I don't believe I would like any other than English people, but I am open to leadership -

I could refer to many but will name only a few. Rev. E. Pollock D.D. is then at 156 - Fifth Ave. Rev. J. P. Shepherd Ph. D. knows of me and my work. He lives at Oakland, Mo. Dr. James C. Bruce is also see him.

"Old Dr. Dixon" is familiar with certain phases of my ministerial activity.

I think Dr. Fullerton or Dr. Montgomery of St. Louis would be willing to say that I had at least a few qualifications -

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Winona Minnesota
RAPID CITY, S. D., July 10 191

I would not go for less than \$5000. not
that for, I would be willing to enter into
such a contract. It is understood that
you pay 2000 per annum and traveling
& expenses from Winona to Fairbanks
Let me know soon

Very Sincerely
L. J. Long

July 26, 1920.

Rev. I. I. Gorby, Ph.D.,

Winona, Minnesota.

My dear Dr. Gorby:-

I am asked to reply to your letter which has been duly considered by the officers of the Board.

There have been more applications for this work than we have fields to fill and the two white churches of Cordova and Fairbanks had already been assigned to two men from the Northwest before your letter reached the count. Therefore, I am obliged reluctantly to write you that there is at present no opening in Alaska for you.

May God guide you into a field of still greater usefulness.

Very cordially yours,

Y-CM

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Mapleton North Dakota
September 18th. 1920

To The Home Mission Committee
New York N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

I noticed the call for four men for Alaska early in the summer I said to my wife at that time "I would be willing to go" but I supposed there would be plenty of volunteers.

Should you still need the men, I would be willing to take the Fairbanks field if the salary was raised to \$2500. That is what I am paid here, and I do not believe a man could live any cheaper there than here. I would be ^{ing} willing to pay, as I do here, my tithe ~~thro~~ through the church.

I have a wife and four children, oldest 12 and the youngest going on three. I am 41, wife 36 and both splendid health. Both natives of Canada, wife born in Winnipeg. As student preached all over Canadian North West. Since graduation, have served U.S. Church at Malden and Charleston Mo. Was the instrument in building churches for both, in same Presbytery. Home Mission work at Metropolis Ill. bringing that church to self support, Home Mission work at Paducah Ky. bringing that church to within a few dollars of self support and leading it to repay to Board money borrowed years ago. Y.M.C.A. service in France for eleven months July 1918-June 1919. Mapleton on call of \$2000 June 1919 raised to \$2500 this spring, increase of 55 in membership since coming and ~~xxx~~ more to be received on communion Sunday.

Would be willing to go if salary was \$2500.00 and would be willing to spend the rest of ministry in that country, with the understanding that I was to be left at Fairbanks as long as I ~~wxxxxxx~~ was useful there. Am not anxious to go, happy in relationship here. But think I should be willing to go.

Sincerely yours

J. D. Harley

September 18, 1920.

Rev. J. D. Harley,
Mapleton, No. Dakota.

My dear Mr. Harley:-

Your letter of September 13th has been referred to me for answer.

We have just commissioned two men to the churches of Cordova and Fairbanks, Alaska, and am waiting to find men for the missions of Wrangell and Hydaburg, missions of Southeastern Alaska. We have several men in prospect with whom we are corresponding.

We only pay \$2000 to our missionaries in the Yukon Presbytery and \$1600 to those in the Presbytery of Alaska which comprises Southeastern Alaska. We are unable to pay more than this which is the largest salary paid on any of our mission fields.

I am very much interested in your letter and in your stores in Canada but, of course, cannot go outside of our rules.

Very cordially yours,

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Dr. John A. Marquis,
General Secretary,
156 Fifth Ave., N.Y.

Dear Dr. Marquis:-

I have just returned from my trip to Peru and Bolivia and have before me your favors of May 10th. and 20th.

Thank you very much indeed for your prompt reply to my letter of inquiry regarding my daughter. I am glad to learn that her physical condition has been found satisfactory. I wanted to make sure of this.

I was laboring under a misunderstanding regarding the salary. In my daughter's first letter to me she said that the remuneration was to be \$75 a month and quarters. Of course, I knew at once that she would not be able to pay her board out of that amount and, as there was no time to take the matter up with her by correspondence, I wrote you.

Let me say again that I am very much pleased indeed to know that she has been accepted by your Board for this position and I trust that she may prove herself worthy of the confidence placed in her.

Praying for you divine wisdom in the solution of your many problems, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

EJ

W. F. Jordan